

It appears that Genealogy work is about to be really kicked-off in this Valley. The Heber East Stake Presidency, High Council and their wives and families met at the Heber 1st-6th Ward cultural hall and had their first Genealogical workshop. Sister Florene Whiting was the main teacher and Brother Raymond Green introduced her and her staff of teachers. They were: Eleanor Gardner, Fawn Chidester, Marvel Murdock, Lynn Tregaskis. Sister Shirley Green handled a very basic class for the four to eight year olds. The older children met with their parents around tables and are actually doing their Books of Remembrance. These workshops will run through March, April and May—each Sunday night for twelve classes. This Leadership group will be the nucleus of this same thing being done in the wards. We will invite the Ward Bishops and their Executive Council and all their wives to come and observe this in their individual groups. (Feb 22, 1976)

Stake President and High Council workshops were held each Sunday night from Feb 22, 1976 through May 19, 1976.

Sister Irene Thacker was the first patron to give books to the new Branch Library. She gave two books. (Mar 15, 1976)

On April 18, 1976 President Clyde spoke to Brother R. Green and asked him if he had ordered the Genealogy reference books and equipment and supplies, to which Brother Green answered that he was waiting for final approval from the President. He was instructed to go ahead and order them. He went through the proper channels working with Brother Charles Jenkins and ordered the films from the Basic Book List, the CFI, Supplies, Microfilm readers and Microfische reader for the Library. (This info is in the history pages)

In September 1978 the Family History Center (at that time called the Heber Region Branch Genealogical Library), after much preparation and Priesthood planning finally had it's first home. It was first located in the new Heber East Stake Center on the corner of Old Mill Rd. and Center Creek Road. One of the clerk's offices at the Stake Center was to be the beginning place for this very important venture. Even though the space was very small, it was a welcome beginning for doing the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard.

The Chairman of the Library Board was President Larry B. Duke, Heber East Stake. Members of the Library Board were: President Reed Ford, Heber Utah Stake President, Duane Sweat, Bishop of the Center Creek Ward, and Neil Duke, Bishop of the Daniel Ward.

The building librarian was Sister Irene Thacker and the Associate Librarian for Genealogy was Brother R. Raymond Green, MD.

The hours for the center were week day evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Many workers volunteered or were called to work at the center. The following were a part of that group:

Director: Brother R. Raymond Green

Instructor: Florine M. Whiting

Patron Services Librarian: Dale E. Gunn

Technical Services Librarian: Rex A. Whiting

1991-1992. A 208 combined analysis indicated

A list of the staff of the first genealogical (Family History) library:

Minnie Carlile, Sherri Dasey, Earl Ford, Lona Ford, Mitzi McPhie, Blodwin Gertsch, J. Linden Chapman, Tora Chapman, Ramona Bates, Ethel Giles, Grant Giles, Fred Parker, Helen Parker, Frenna Mayo, Lonnie Thompson, Irene Tisdale, as well as at least 8 others.

Bro Green and Sister Tisdale started the Obituary File in this room. Some one from Center Creek had passed away and left some large scrapbooks which contained a lot of old obituaries. The children of this person didn't want them and were about to throw them away. Brother Green found out and asked if he could have them and the family were happy to have them taken to the center. Brother Green and Sister Tisdale took little hospital bath tubs filled with water and placed the pages, with the obituaries on them, in the water. The obituaries were news articles and soon they floated off the scrapbook pages. When this happened the obituaries were carefully placed on paper towels to dry. Once dry they were glued on paper and placed in a three ring binders and a list was made of all the obituaries so that persons trying to find their ancestors from the county could find them in the binders. An index was made of all. Erma Wade and ? kept the obituaries from Wasatch, Summit, and Duchesne Counties for the file. Duchesne and Uintah Counties were settled mostly by people from Wasatch and Summit Counties. Those who helped with the Obituary Files and Funeral Program files were: Brother Green, Irene Tisdale, Sharon Thornton, Erma Wade, Fern Sabey, Jane Meeks, Frenna Mayo, Lois Mahoney and ReNae Cook as well as many others. Mary Jane Wood went through the old Wasatch Waves from the beginning until 1905. She got all the obituaries for both Wasatch and Summit Counties. She had to retype most of them, but they are very essential to the collection. They are in a separate file of two binders and are all indexed. A fellow brought a book of old obituaries from the Wave to school in Midway and asked Lorette Fillmore if she could copy them for him. She agreed and asked if he would let her have a copy for the Family History Center and he agreed, so she brought in a copy of them the center and Jane Meeks put them in a long binder and they are indexed also.

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The next director was Ellis Allred. Keith Thomas was the computer specialist. He tried to keep all the computers running. Iris Eaton was one of the trainers. She was really an organizer.

A new stake was created in Heber being named the Heber North Stake. This made 4 Stakes in the area to be served by the Heber Regional Family History Library.

Our Director at the present time (2009) is Robert Wren, with an assistant from each of the four stakes.

Heber Stake is Iris Eaton

Heber East Stake is David Rimington

Heber North Stake is Harry Zane

Midway Stake is Irene Tisdale

In 2002 the Olympics came to Utah and we set up a Family Search room in the recreation hall of the old Midway 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward building. Linda Curley Christensen of Wallsburg painted three pictures for the Olympics for our Family Search classes. The Midway Stake bought beautiful frames for them and they are now in possession of the Midway Stake. Keith and Pauli Thomas were directors of the affair. Many people came to the center during that time.

After the Olympics were over and the German Extraction Program was over, because of the Indexing Program that had begun. This program was done in the homes and so the room that was used for Indexing was turned into a Family History Training room. We had 12 computers and Jennie Clawson taught Personal Ancestral File classes. She is still teaching those classes in our new building. Harry Zane has taught PAF Insight lessons and we found it was really a good source to get us ready for Temple Ready.

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We used the entire east end of the building as well as two rooms in the basement. The room at the west end of the building was used by the German Extension program. The center was able to get on the internet and do a lot of research thanks to John Hobbs of Midway, who provided the center with four new computers and paid for the internet hookup. When a classing this has been in the center. The church also furnished new computers.

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Our Director at the present time (2009) is Robert Brown with an assistant from each of the four stakes. Hobbs Stake is Bill Thomson. Hobbs North Stake is David Birmingham. Hobbs South Stake is Henry Kane. Midway Stake is Jean T. Stokke.

In 2003 the Olympics came to Utah and we set up a Family Search room in the recreation hall of the old Midway 3rd Ward building. Linda Gray (Chairman of the Utah State Fair) placed for the Olympics for our Family Search classes. The Midway Stake bought several names for them and they are now in possession of the Midway Stake, Hobbs and Paul Thomas were the centers of the effort. Many people came to the center during that time.

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land where the new Midway 2<sup>nd</sup>-Deer Creek Ward building was built, we moved back to the Heber East Stake Center in a small room off the Library until our present building was ready for us to move into. We are now located in the old Heber Fourth Ward building on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> West and 5<sup>th</sup> South. It is a beautifully remodeled area for the Center. It has a training room again with the 12 computers in and in the entry we have a large room remodeled from two classrooms. A wide hall connects two more rooms where the Microfiche and readers are housed. A bathroom is available for use. Hopefully this will be our permanent home.

Specialists who have worked at the center:

Mary Ballstaedt, Rhea Carlson, Vera Carlson, Joy Givens, George Guernsey, Julie Hardman, Bonnie Jasperson, Lila Mae Johnson, Paul Kennard, Diana Kennard, Alice Kenslow, Darla Love, Ruthie Lugton, Janet Matthews, Frenna Mayo, Wilford Nielson, Pam Olschewski, Shirley Owens, Fern Prescott, Fern Sabey, Irene Thacker, Sharon Thornton, Irene Tisdale, Erma Wade, Inez Wilson, Merle Wright, Pat Broadhead, Iris Eaton, Lisa Gardner, Merrill Hall, Nannette Hjelm, Michelle Jolley, Lois Mahoney, Frenna Mayo, Jane Meeks, Jean Mortensen, Dean Moulton, Glenna Moulton, Monta Nelson, Robert Wren, Ann Baum, Pat Greenman, Connie Tatton, Doris Rock, Suzette Thompson, Aileen Webster, Rita Wills, Tom Brandt, Ralph Carlile, Shirlene Mayo, Sue Pickett, Mary Jane Wood, Wade Wood, Judy Gardner, Diane Grose, Wayne Williams, Irene Fabian, Ray Peterson, Thede Peterson, John Miller Ed Coombs Marsha Coombs, Alice Hicken Sarah Chatterly, Linda Mechan, Jolene Mecham, Renae Cook, Louise Murdock, Cheryl Thacker, Linda Haws, Fern Spanos, Jennie Clawson, Zelda Isaksen, Ginn Mahoney, John Barnes, Rayleen Barnes, David Eldredge, Suzanne Goodrich, Cathy Hinckley, Ellen Kowallis, Lynn Mlaker, Boyd Penz, Sandra Penz, Kathy Jo Percy, Heidi Post, Norma Richardson, Kay Rust, Sharon Seiter, George Zoolakis, Sharlene Zoolakis, Doug Thompson, Patricia Thompson,

